

REMARKS

Claims 1-21 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1-4, 6-11, and 13-21 are amended for improved clarity. No new matter is added.

Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 4, 11 and 18 contain allowable subject matter.

Claims 4, 11 and 18 are objected to for failing to distinctly claim the intended subject matter. Claim 4, 11 and 18 are amended to obviate this objection. Accordingly, withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

Claims 15-21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 for allegedly being directed to non-statutory subject matter. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claims 15-21, as amended, now recite a computer-readable medium. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Claims 4, 11 and 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, for allegedly being indefinite. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claims 4, 11 and 18, as amended, now substantively recite "the incompatible part detection unit performs the incompatibility detecting processing again only on the detected incompatible part under the condition that the result of the incompatibility detection processing has been stored." As such, claims 4, 11 and 18 are definite. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-3, 8-10 and 15-17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over U.S. Patent Pub. No. 2003/0007173 to Nishide et al. ("Nishide"). Claims 1, 5, 8, 12, 15 and 16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) over U.S. Patent No. 6,757,071 to Goodman et al. ("Goodman"). These rejections are respectfully traversed.

Claims 1, 8 and 15, as amended, recite that the "accounting unit that charges for the executed incompatibility detection processing." Neither Nishide nor Goodman disclose

charging a user money for executing an incompatibility detection processing. Accordingly, both Nishide and Goodman fail to disclose each and every element of independent claims 1, 8 and 15. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejections of claims 1, 8 and 15, and claims 2, 3, 5, 9, 10, 12, 16 and 17 depending therefrom, is respectfully requested.

Claims 6, 7, 13, 14, 20 and 21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Goodman in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,734,735 to Haneda. These rejections are respectfully traversed.

Claims 6, 7, 13, 14, 20 and 21 depend from independent claims 1, 8 and 15. Haneda fails to disclose the subject matter lacking in Goodman. Accordingly, claims 6, 7, 13, 14, 20 and 21 are in condition for allowance based on their dependence from claims 1, 8 and 15, as well as for the separately patentable subject matter they recite. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejections of claims 6, 7, 13, 14, 20 and 21 is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-21 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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